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# Lessons From London

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MRS. PARK is our special envoy

with today's activities and innovations

in book distribution there. She will

write a series of articles for us,

concentrating on bookstore methods.

That she is peculiarly fitted for this

undertaking is proved by her excellent

book, "Book Shops, How to Run

Them." published this winter.

to London to but us in touch

O begin with, who said, "Conservative London?" On what streets, in what by-ways and alleys, up what lanes and through what turnstiles have they been—those people, who have written or talked only of London mousiness?

Last fall, creeping into London on my hands and knees, with my New York skirts lengthened for propriety's sake and my bobbed hair eked out with long switches, I soon found, to get on in London, I did not have to produce a long clay pipe and agonize over John-son at Ye Cheshire Cheese, nor did I have to wear cambric

undergarments before exploring the glories of Westminster Abbey.

And with the same surprise, I found that most of London's shops were not modest, quaint, tucked-away places but instead were modern, shiny up-to-date establishments, out-Americaning America in their enthusiasms for "up-and-comingness" in business and publicity methods.

This was particularly true in their "talking" windows. Not radioly-arranged windows, issuing forth queer gutteral sounds from Heaven knows where: nor windows with large gesticulating gentlemen therein explaining pantomimically the merchandise. But what is cheaper, and within the means of every merchant, are

windows screaming their wares through signs. London has an epidemic of sales signs: of price tag signs; of "arouse-yourinterest-come-on-in" signs. Everything from a five thousand dollar Rolls Royce automobile to a twenty-five cent Dent's

> tagged, but boldly, brazenly "can't-missit-possibly" tagged.

And the booktrade -that long talked of dusty; antique London booktrade-is no exception. Every window, of every bookseller here, from the rarest of the rare windows, down to the most free-for-all Charing Cross Sec-

ond Handers, employ the sales tag and sign in some form. Most of them do it cleverly: but all of them do it. They say what they have to say to their customer, not after he has crossed their threshold, but before even he has left their window fronts. They get it across to that person through their signladen windows, not only what they have in one particular line, but what they have in all lines. And they do it in most instances in such a way that the window is not jumbled, nor confused, nor unsightly, but straightforward, arrestive and informa-This, of course, takes studied sales psychology on the part of the person planning the signs, and some flare for artistic workmanship on the part of the maker of

toothbrush is tagged -not modestly

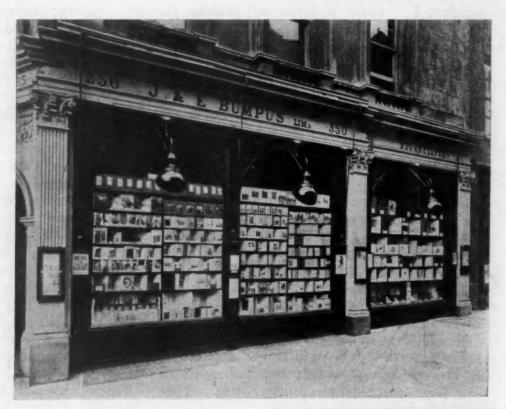
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the sign. But it is effective when done well. Here are some examples:

Approaching a fashionable bookstore in an exclusive residential section of London, the other morning, the first thing that struck my eye, in fact the only thing that could have struck it, was a great six by four foot, red sign over the doorway. The lettering on it was in white and it read: "Poems for Children. 'All About Me' by John Drinkwater." In fact, each day I had noticed in passing this same store, a change in this placard. Another day another book would have the honor of feature rôle. From my bus top I had watched regularly for the book of that particular day and had wondered about it. Sometimes I had even bought it. But to return to the John Drinkwater feature morning: In the two windows at either side of the door were large displays of books. When I say large, I mean large, perhaps two hundred and fifty books in either one. Across each of these windows were long runner signs with big lettering. One said, "Give Books: They make the Best Gifts," and the other, "Don't Forget Your Kiddies: See Our Special Display." Certainly after the magnitude of

that sign one could not forget his kiddies -one could not, even if he were trying to. In this window were beautifully displayed children's books, all with their price marks, Also, a card, with this suggestion, "Children's Annuals: Order Before the Best are Gone." Then another card, "Visit our Children's Room on the Ground Floor." This sign would encourage the Grandfathers and Grandmothers, I suppose, for London "walks up," perhaps, more than New York. In the other window, "Give Books: They Make the Best Gifts" were these signs: "Large Foreign Department on Second Floor," "Books for Motorist and Tourist," "Binding Orders Promptly Filled," "Guarantee: Two Day Service on the Special Order," "Give Books in Choice Bindings." Then just "Give Books." These cards varied in size. Some were merely narrow bands, but all distinctive and clear, capable of catching even a near-sighted eye. Along with the general signs were the individual price marks on the books themselves. The publishers help in this matter, by almost invariably marking on the back of the book the selling price. But where a bookseller hides this price by a full jacket front display,



The windows of J. & E. Bumpus in London with shelves close to the window displaying books



Shelves against the window bring you closer to the book and save the floor space used by deep windows

he either inserts a price card in the top of the book or fastens a card across the front by means of a rubber band. At first, one had wondered on the advisability of so much beforehand price confession, but soon one has become convinced personally. Those price signs sold us two books which we might never have otherwise ownedso entering or starting to enter, we saw a sign, a great glass framed sign, "No Dogs Admitted." Perhaps all London Book Buyers to be correct should be hampered by a dog. We looked around. A doorman was holding six tangled leashes with six tangled masses of wire hair or other hair at the ends of each.

Gathering courage later, dog or no dog, we made for a very exclusive shop on a famous down-town street, in the busiest part of London. What attracted us first were foot and a half square glass frames hung along at intervals on the front of the building. We went up to them. We examined them closely. They reminded one of menu cards tacked outside the They were lists of the taverns here. latest the store had to offer for various Each frame held the varibook tastes. eties of choices for each separate classification. We were going to get maudlin and do a pretty metaphor about if you want an appetizer, why not Huxley's new essays at \$1.75. Or a soup, but we'll spare the reader that, and as the English say, "Let's be on with it."

All metaphor-making aside, these menu cards are a very helpful thing. serve as a kind of connecting link between newspaper advertising and the actual window or store display itself. People can find quickly what is new in the particular form of literature in which they are interested, and go in at once to ask for it. Then, too, it would be almost impossible for them to forget the name of the book before they walked inside the store—(the great curse for the bookseller who serves the news-paper-reader-buyer). they should forget, they could go again hand in hand with the bookseller to the glass frame and once more clinch mentally the title. Together returning into the shop, it is almost certain between the two of them, one or the other would remember at least part of what was wanted.

In the windows of this shop-eight gorgeous windows—with everything from the rarest and most handsomely bound books to the simplest reprints, are more signs, besides the price cards, arranged appropriately according to the particular Such as-"Choose Your Gift display. From Oxford Bibles; Prayer Books, Hymn Books and Devotional Books"; or "These and a larger Selection in Our Bound Book Department"; or "A Representative Selection of the Latest Books May be Seen in Our Saloon." (Book saloon, Dear thirsty Reader); or "Magazines Sent to All Parts of the World"; or "Inspection of Large and Valuable Stock Invited"; "Give Books in Choice Bindings"; or "This Set can Be Purchased By Deferred Payments." Whereupon, seeing this sign, we entered. Would they take Liberty Bonds, too!

Now down in what might be called the Wall Street District of London, we found they used almost a curb method for tagging books. Not only were price marking tags in evidence, everywhere, but every book had a hawker-printed description along with it to boot. The following are some of these descriptions in one store window alone: "'Keeping Up With Science'; An important book in Steady Demand:" "A Dictionary of Modern Usuage'; A great book of use of Words and Kindred Subjects:" "'Half a Hundred Epigrams';

Very Smart:" "'Fireflies,' by Tagore: Worth Securing First Editions:" "Some Aspects of H. G. Wells'; A Critical Just Issued:" "English Prose Study. Style,' a Really Great Book to Place with Fowler French:" "Ballads and Poems': Noyes. A Splendid Selection:" "Manning-Fosters' Auction Bridge; An Authoritative Book on Auction:" "Great Short Stories of Detection, Mystery and Horror'; A Very Exciting Volume:" "'Elizabeth and Essex'; A 1st Edition That Will Be Sought After:" "A. P. Herbert's Latest; 'The Trial of Topsy'": "'Joseph and His Brethern'; A Highly Recom-mended First Novel:" "The Silver Thorn,' Hugh Walpole, a Book of Short Stories." (What American bookseller would, unsolicited, tell that fact-that a favorite novelist's latest was Short Stories!) "'Who's Who'; 1929 Edition. Now Ready:" "The Complete Works of Jane Austen'; A Complete "Jane" in One Volume:" "Political Memories,' by Prince Nicholas of Greece; An Impor-tant New Book:" "English Rural Life in 15th Century'; Was \$3.75. Offered at \$2.50. Rare Bargain:" "Sea and Sussex'; Worth Securing. Will Increase in Value:" "'History of Furniture'; Illustrated Beautifully. Valuable Gift for A Collector:" "'Howlers'; Splendid. Full of Fun:" "'Motor Shipping'; Very important. A New Era in Shipping;" "Fortune's Fool; An Exciting Sabatini:"
"'Ever Heard This'; Over 300 Good Stories:" "'Fortuna; Study of the Laws of Chance at Monte Carlo; Horse Racing and the Stock Exchange."

Standing before this window, along with many other stopped-passersby, we who have blatantly shouted over and over, "One Idea for Every Window," suddenly felt abashed. We realized that we had been pressing our nose on the very iciest of winter days, against those window panes, for fully twenty minutes—Not looking at one idea in a window, but looking at fifty. And what is more liking it. Some explanation had to be made to ourselves:

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The cards were informative.

They were book summaries attached right to the book.

They were clerks, yet they were not clerks, because you did not have to wait for them or be misinformed by them.

They were helpful suggesters.

They were, too, arch "canivers." For one felt before another day had passed one would crack open the baby's mite box. Yet they were not dark of visage if in the end you failed to crack it and therefore failed to buy.

A good card, well made on heavy cardboard, well expressed, cannot help but interest the passerby and draw him into your store. Once in, all the better if he knows what he wants and can cut some burden from your salesmen who at many seasons of the year are overrushed.

If this were not so, why would great throbbing progressive London, employ this method? Or why would all England be a waving mass of neat white tags?

# Books on Africa

Mary Hastings Bradley

who is herself the author of three books on Africa:

"Alice in Jungleland." D. Appleton and Company. 1927. \$2

"Caravans and Cannibals." D. Appleton and Company. 1926. \$5

"On the Gorilla Trail." D. Appleton and Company. 1922. \$5

AFRICA has always been a land of traveler's tales, from "Ptolemy" to "Trader Horn." More than any other continent it has captured the imagination; today, more than ever, when all that made old Africa, its savage wildness, its vast reaches of wilderness, its great herds of game and tribes of primitive people, have become accessible, and so have acquired the deepened interest of their very transiency.

It is a land of many lures. person who knows it at all to whom it does not hold some appeal. There is no person who, if he wishes to know it, will not find in it something that responds to some part of him.

Is he interested in hunting? Nowhere on earth is there such variety of game, from the giant elephant to the tiny dik-dik, from the majestic lion to the stealthy leopard, from the truculent rhino to the gentle giraffe. He has a royal choice.

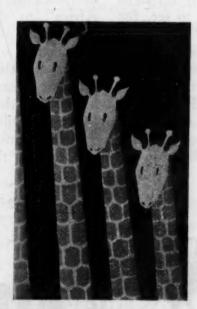
Is he interested in scenery, in a nature utterly unspoiled? The magnificent falls of the Zambezi, the far spreading equatorial forests of the Congo basin, the

arid Sahara with a charm known only to those who have attempted it, the savage peaks of the Atlas mountains, the glittering glaciers of the Ruwenzori, the solitary splendors of Kenya and Kilimanjaro, the thousand miles stretches of the Congo and the Nile, will give him inexhaustible variety.

Is history his hobby? In the Nile valley he can find the gigantic ruins of one of the oldest of earth's civilizations, along the shores of the Mediterranean the remnants

of Rome and Carthage are again seeing the light of day, by the Indian Ocean stand the old Arab outposts, in the interior of Rhodesia are being unearthed temples whose builders are yet unknown.

Does the study of ethnology occupy his hours? In the Bushmen of South Africa one can still see the modern descendants of one of the most primitive of the world races; in central Africa there live within a score of miles of each other the pygmies of Kwidjwi Island on lovely lake Kivu, the slender, aristocratic Watussi, arrow straight and seven feet tall, and the black,



There is no

Africa, as shown on the Raymond & Whitcomb poster, provides giraffes of all sizes



One of the maps prepared by Raymond & Whitcomb Co. to lure the traveler to Africa

broad visaged, prognathous jawed negroes of the forest. And on the Guinea coast are the still existing remnants of the negro culture that centered in Benin.

Or is the traveler intent only on sight seeing, "for to admire and for to see, for to behold the world so wide"? There is the old Africa, the Africa of the iron age, still there, but ringed with the age of steel, the wilderness encompassed by the empires that are springing up, French, Portuguese, British and Belgian, cities with every modern convenience, country clubs and fine estates, and, bordering them, the crowded and picturesque bazaars of the old towns,

the narrow ways of the encroaching Orient.

To find thirty books that give something of all this Africa is not difficult; the difficulty is in choice. No list is complete that does not lead from Stanley's "Darkest Africa" to Akeley's "Brightest Africa," which does not give something of the old explorations of Livingstone and Spake and Baker, and the latter day journeys of William of Sweden, of Mecklenburg, and Wollaston, that does not tell of Roosevelt's "Game Trails," or the camera records of Martin Johnson.

Here are thirty from a crowding three hundred:





## A Bibliography of Books on Africa

## Compiled by Mary Hastings Bradley

"ADVENTURES IN THE GREAT FORESTS." Paul Du Chaillu. Harper. o.p.

"AFRICAN GAME TRAILS." Theodore Roosevelt. Scribner's. '24. \$6.

"AFRICAN SAGA." Blaise Cendrars, translated by Margery Bianco. Payson & Clarke, Ltd. '27. \$5.

"ALBERT NYANZA." Sir Samuel Baker. Macmillan. 10. \$1.40.

"AMONG PYGMIES AND GORILLAS." Prince William of Sweden. Dutton. '21. \$6.

"BIG GAME AND PYGMIES." Cuthbert Christy. Macmillan. '24. \$7.50.

"IN BRIGHTEST AFRICA." Carl Akeley. Doubleday, Doran. '23. \$2.50.

"THE BUGLE SOUNDS." Major Zinovi Pechkoff. Appleton. 26. \$2.50.

"HISTORY OF THE COLONIZATION OF AFRICA." Sir Harry Johnston. Macmillan. \$4.75.

"IN DARKEST AFRICA." Henry M. Stanley. Scribner's. o. p.

"FROM RUWENZORI TO THE CONGO." A. F. R. Wollaston. Dutton. o.p.

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"GEORGE GRENFELL AND THE CONGO." Sir Harry Johnston. Hutchinson and Co., London. o. p.

"In the Heart of Africa." Adolph Friedrick, Duke of Mecklenburg. Cassell and Co., London. o. p.

"LAKE REGIONS OF CENTRAL AFRICA." Sir Richard Burton. o. p.

"MISSIONARY TRAVELS." David Livingstone. Blackie, London. o. p.

"RISE OF SOUTH AFRICA." Sir George Edward Cory. Longmans. '10-'26. 4 v. \$9, ea.

"SAFARI." Martin Johnson. Putnam. '28. \$5

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"Secret of the Sahara." Rosita Forbes. Doubleday, Doran. '21. \$3.

"DISCOVERY OF THE SOURCE OF THE NILE." John Hanning Speke. Dutton. \$.80.

"THE TANGANYIKA TERRITORY." F. S. Joelson. Appleton. '21. \$5.

"TRADER HORN." Horn and Lewis. Simon and Schuster. v. 1. '27. \$4.

"Two Kings of Uganda." Robert P. Ashe. Low, Marston and Co., London.

"IN WITCH-BOUND AFRICA." Frank H. Melland. Lippincott. '23. \$7.50.

"A Woman Tenderfoot in Egypt." Grace Seton Thompson. Dodd, Mead. o. p. "The Wonderland of the Eastern Congo." T. Alexander Barns. Putnam. o. p.

# Chicago Book News

#### Milton Fairman

of the Chicago Evening Post

HARRY DORDICK, former associate professor of philosophy at Columbia University, has entered Targ's bookstore at 808 North Clark Street, as a partner. The new firm will be known as Targ and Dordick, and the new member will build up a special philosophy section which he hopes to make the best in the city.

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Chicago as a source for material for novels is rapidly moving to the front. Local booksellers report high sales for Mary Synon's "Red Bricks." Guy Holt was in in the city a few weeks ago and announced that John Day was bringing out a novel with the Windy City for its background, and I have just finished reading a manuscript packed with thrilling stuff about rackets, gangsters, and shootings.

The John Day book is by Meyer Levin, a staff writer for the Chicago Daily News, and well known in journalistic circles as a feature writer. It will probably contain many of his experiences as a Front-pager. The third novel, which will probably appear on some publisher's fall list, gives the "low down" on the alky racket and our famous beer barons. A touch of realism is given by the use of the names of local personages.

The University of Chicago Press publishes this month several books on Chicago. "The Gold Coast and the Slums" by Harvey W. Zerbaugh and "The Ghetto" by Louis Wirth treat of our city from the sociologist's point of view.

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A veteran bookseller also appears on the university press list. He is William H. Royce, who has been with Gabriel Wells in New York for upward of twenty-five years. His book, which will be of considerable interest to collectors and students of French literature is "A Balzac Bibliog-

raphy," which the publishers assure us is about the most complete catalog of Balzac's writings.

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An interesting advertising venture was that which the book department of The Fair managed recently. Time was purchased on station WMAQ, and a dramatic account was given of the purchase by the store of 44,642 slightly damaged books which would be placed on sale. The books were from the stock of a New York firm which had been damaged by the collapse of a roof water tank.

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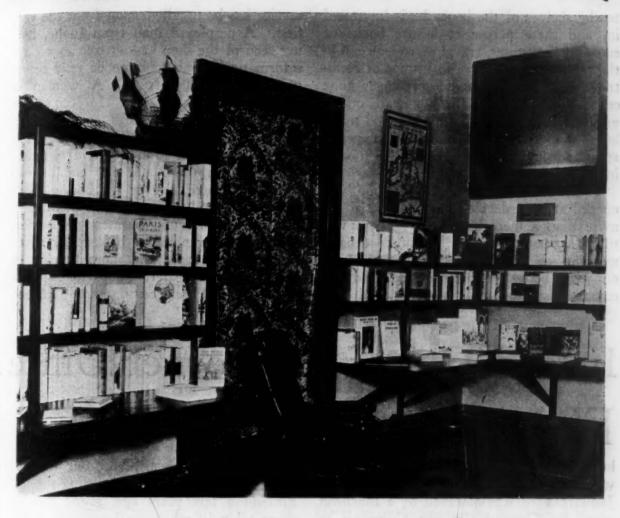
Arthur Meeker, Jr., scion of one of Chicago's foremost Gold Coast families, has broken loose again to the consternation of society folk. This time it's "American Beauty," his first novel. The young Mr. Meeker has appeared in print before with satires of the same stuff in The Chicagoan. They were not kindly received in the Meeker neighborhood, but the rest of the town enjoyed reading them.

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The Argus bookshop of 333 South Dearborn Street has announced for early publication "What Never Dies" by D'Auverielle in a limited edition of 150 copies. Oscar Wilde made the translation of this edition of the famous work, and Donald Dent of Chicago, illustrator of the de luxe edition of Balzac's "Girl with the Golden Eyes" has done eight illustrations which have been reproduced in acquaint for this edition.

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Marshall Field's book section had an interesting exhibit of fine book work by the Scandinavians sponsored by the Institute of Typography. Clara Laughlin, author of the "So You're Going to—" series, gave two lectures on "Sweden" and "Norway and Denmark."



# The Travelers' Book Shop

NE of the most interesting specialty bookshops in New York is known as the Travelers' Book Shop. It was launched by Ball & Wilde, Inc., and is located on the fourth floor of 11 Broadway, New York City. From the door hangs the inviting sign, "Come in, select your books. Read before and after you travel." And it is needless to say that with the ever growing number of tourists this little shop will have a large following.

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The opening day was marked by a tea with Clara E. Laughlin, author of the well-known "So You're Going!" books, as the guest. Other travel writers will be invited to the shop thruout the year, and prospective travelers will have an opportunity of receiving information about the country they expect to visit, and buying autographed travel books.

In selecting a room for such a shop great thought has been given to the lighting,

quietness and accessibility. It is most perfect in all three requisites. A rug of blues, reds and yellows gives an atmosphere of cheer. Along one side of the room are rows of cupboards of rough hewn wood, oiled to give the appearance of being antique.

These are filled with gay jacketed books of every kind. Along the opposite side of the room are low tables on which are displayed the latest books of various publishers, about every country in the world. Poised in a corner-shelf is a ship model. Across an unused door hangs a cretonne print of the map of adventure, done in most brilliant colors. Literary maps are placed about casually, and the customer need only glance at the map to know which books will tell him about various parts of the different countries.

The books are arranged according to country and the traveler can draw a chair

to the shelves of the books he is interested in, and there peruse at leisure books of economics, customs, travel or romance. On the tables the books are in groups of countries, some stand with the gorgeously done covers as placques against the wall, others are clustered between book-ends, and many books with beautiful illustrations lie opened at some brightly colored picture, as though inviting inspection.

When the Travelers' Book Shop was opened it was decided that it was to be more than a mere bookstore. There was to be a personal service, a library department which would be glad to give advice on what books to buy, and be ready to compile lists for the traveler. And that

service has been called upon from the very first. A perplexed man from Idaho, having read of the shop has written to ask for information about books to be read before going to South Africa. A woman in Nebraska expects to go to Morocco to live and asks for a list of books, economic, historic, and romantic about that place. The information given promptly and willingly results in an order not for one or two books, but three, five or ten books. So a Travel Book Shop is not only an interesting venture, a sound business proposition. but also a new phase of bookselling which will be given more and more thought by the progressive dealer. Shops that specialize in a subject are becoming more frequent.

# In and Out of the Corner Office

FEW new books make their bow to the trade under more graceful circumstances than did Alexis Kivi's humbly born Finnish classic, "Seven Brothers," whose publication date for America on January 23rd was observed by a luncheon given by Coward-McCann Company to the Finnish minister, the Honorable Axel Leonard Astrom, who came to New York



Tom Coward presenting the Finnish minister, the Hon. Axel Leonard Astrom, with a copy of "Seven Brothers"

from Washington for the occasion. The book is three-quarters of a century old, and its publication was suggested by Ernestine Evans of the Coward-McCann editorial staff, who, when she was traveling through Finland a few years ago, noted that on every table in whatever house she visited lay a copy of "The Seven Brothers," and everyone spoke of the book with an affection that was almost reverence and showed the most intimate familiarity with every character and incident.

Just why this book, which was the first work of genius written in Finland's own language, has become the national book was explained by Mr. Astrom in a very charming and interesting speech. He also expressed pleasure that Finland was giving a work of importance to America, a country that had supplied so many books which had had a wide reading in his country. "Seven Brothers" has already found a welcome in France and Germany.

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Other guests were K. F. Attio, the Finnish Consul General in New York and Madame Eli Tompuri, one of the greatest Finnish actresses, now giving a series of recitals in America.

It would be hard to imagine a more lovely setting for a tea party than the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Ives Washburn in East Fifty-seventh Street.

Last Wednesday afternoon, they entertained the authors of Ives Washburn, Inc., and invited New York critics and editors to meet them. The guests will long remember, after an hour of tea and gay chatter, saying goodbye in that gracious drawing room with its open fire and big vases of freesia. There were about 175 people present, including Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pape, Theda Kenyon, Mrs. Lillian Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Emerson and Anderson Collett.

William Rose Benét, poet and critic, was ushered into the editorial chair of the young firm of Payson & Clarke last week, and was presented to the book world in his new capacity at a very pleasant luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton. Certainly this puts actively into the book publishing field one of the most discerning and respected of critics, and one whose judgment the trade has learned to rely upon, because of his extended experience and his positive, incisive paragraphs, which we are glad to say will still continue in the Phoenix Nest, as a feature of the Saturday Review of Literature. Joseph Brewer, president of Payson & Clarke, presided at the luncheon and made the announcement. He was assisted by E. K. Warren and S. M. Biddell, Vicepresidents, Priscilla Crane, Secretary of the firm, and Robert Buckner, publicity manager. A special edition of "The Author's Annual, 1929" was presented to the guests. The annual is a new publication of Payson & Clarke. Edited by Henry W. Lanier, it contains articles of interest to authors and includes a list of book club selections and book prizes, etc., which originally appeared in the Publishers' Weekly.

On last Saturday two groundhogs saw their shadow. The first was the age old creature that emerges, rheumatically, from the earth. The other rose up out of the Hoboken tunnel right onto the stage of the Old Rialto Theater which Christopher Morley and his associates have made the goal of all New York. The second groundhog was part of the ceremony which followed a dinner of pigs' knuckles and beer at Meyer's Hotel in Hoboken and preceded a gala performance

of "After Dark, or Neither Maid, Wife nor Widow." The occasion was the publication of Morley's latest book, "Sea-Coast of Bohemia," a book that is written around the Rialto Theatre adventure. Morley and his associates were, with Doubleday, Doran, the hosts, and critics and editors and even authors, (Stoddard King, here from Spokane, for instance) were guests. After the theatre there was dancing at the Continental Grill. A new theater has been acquired by the Rialto lads, the Lyric, also in Hoboken, of course, and it will soon open with the Kiralfys' triumph, "The Black Crook."

Ernest Rhys, the editor of Everyman's Library, was the guest of the Publishers' Weekly staff at luncheon on Tuesday. Mr. Rhys has promised to review for the Weekly the "Life of J. M. Dent," recently published by Dutton.

Frederic F. Van de Water, critic and author, has joined the Board of Selection of the Detective Story Club. Mr. Van de Water has written detective stories and has helped solve many actual criminal cases. He is an authority on the New York State Police organization and at present occupies a unique position as its only civilian member. He holds the rank of Honorary Sergeant on the force.

Mrs. Mabel Ulrich of Minneapolis visited the Corner Office this week. She talked vividly on the competition offered the retailer by the publisher's direct canvass. Katharine Ulrich, her daughter, of the editorial staff of Coward-McCann, called later in the week. Miss Ulrich is very much interested in the crusade to publish and sell children's books all year round. She has promised to put her ponderings on paper for the readers of the Publishers' Weekly.

An so it takes only half an eye to see that the members of the Corner Office have been having a festive week. But, with one member not voting, they agree the high spot was the confetti and dancing in the street following the publication in the February Century of "The Guinea-Hen." This is the first short story by Josiah Titzell of the Publishers' Weekly editorial staff.

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I HOLD every man a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves, by way of amends, to be a help and ornament thereunto.

—BACON.

## Learning from London

THE big business methods of our country have been so played up and our efficiency so highly praised that we are apt to think of ourselves as graduate pupils who have nothing to learn from other countries. It is a state of self-satisfaction that is dangerous. The booktrade does not wholly escape it. We are young and we are keen and we have discovered for ourselves a number of innovations in carrying on our business but we spend too little time learning more from those who have had longer experience in the business of selling books.

London is a case in point. An impression has got about that the methods of merchandising books in London are as old as Charing Cross, and the booksellers as dense as London's famous fogs. In her article in this issue Mrs. Ruth Brown Park deplores this show of ignorance. "To begin with," she asks, "who said, 'Conservative London?' On what streets, in what by-ways and alleys, up what lanes and through what turnstiles have they beenthose people who have written or talked about London mousiness?" She proceeds to explain how she found, instead of quaint, tucked-away places, modern, up-to-date shiny establishments out-Americaning Britishers would probably be America. just as surprised to learn of our conception of London business methods as Americans are to hear Britishers asking if we don't suffer a great deal at the hands of the Indians. To help correct our false, and unjust, impression and to give us some English methods which we might well adopt, Mrs. Park is writing a series of articles for us on London bookshops. Those who have read her articles during the past year in the Publishers' Weekly and her book, "Book Shops, How to Run Them," know that they may expect a thorough study of London's bookshops and how they run them.

Mrs. Park's articles will appear within a fortnight of each other. If we study them we may learns as many useful lessons from the London bookshops as the committee of the Society of Bookmen learned from the shops of Holland and Germany when they went into those countries two years ago to study the methods of book distribution abroad. The ease with which we can travel today and the facility with which we can communicate with other countries makes possible this survey of the other fellow's ways and an interchange of ideas which we cannot afford to miss.

### When Editions Are Limited

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N connection with the publishing of The Random House the publishers of Rockwell Kent's "Candide" find themselves in an argument with Lindmark's Bookstore, of Poughkeepsie, who seem to doubt the publishers' right to print smaller editions than will cover the orders placed.

Last February Lindmark's ordered fifteen copies of "Candide." The book was oversubscribed and so Lindmark's order was cut, as were other dealers' orders, to five copies. Lindmark was notified of the change, but he claims that his having placed an order for fifteen gives him the right to this number of copies, and his letter goes on to say "failure to fill this order we deem a damaging discrimination and a breach of warranty."

Lindmark then proceeded to hold up payment on the five copies that had been delivered and claims in a letter of November 21 "As soon as you fulfill the order I will pay in full immediately. I am ready and prepared to defend myself in Court of Law; so start suit." It probably is evident to any one in the booktrade that Lindmark is taking an untenable position. His order for fifteen copies is not a contract for the delivery of fifteen. The trade custom has always allowed publishers the right to curtail orders in proportion and, furthermore, if the placing of an order for limited editions automatically authorizes the publisher to deliver that number of copies, he would be unable to announce the limit of the edition in advance and without that advance knowledge orders would not be placed and the publisher would be in an impossible situation.

#### Books About Africa

COMETIME in October, we published an article by Margery Quigley, librarian of the Montclair Public Library. Miss Quigley had at the time recently returned from a summer in Europe, and her article, "Read After You Travel," was based on her own experience. Before the trip she tried to read up on the countries that she was planning to visit, but one book at the most about each place was all that she could manage. But after she returned, almost any book about the places she had just seen seemed interesting. So she decided that libraries and bookstores should more often offer travel books to those who have just returned from a ourney.

If this theory is sound, the late spring should be a good time to sell books about Africa. The Raymond-Whitcomb Africa Cruise sailed away from New York on the 12th of January, and by this time the tourists have reached Cape Town, and those who have desired it, are starting off on the optional automobile trip to Kimberley and Johannesburg. The cruise circles the continent and the travelers are due in New York about the first of April. On January 21, the Thomas Cook and Son Cape to Cairo tour sailed from New York, and returns to that port May 21.

Mary Hastings Bradley says on another page of this issue that it is not difficult to find something to read if one is interested in Africa, the difficulty is to choose among the hundreds of books that have been written. She has chosen the thirty books that seem to her the best. The list would be more useful to the bookseller if

such a large part of it were not out of print. But he will find that he can appease the after travel hunger with a wide variety of viands ranging from Olive Schreiner to Trader Horn. These are the travel books that may be in demand before the European traveler returns three or four months later.

#### New York Clean Books Bill

THAT hardy annual, the New York Clean Books Bill, again makes its appearance in Albany, this time sponsored by Senator B. Roger Wales, of Broome, who has sought for some years to get the measure through, and is father of the present theater padlock law. In the Assembly it is introduced by W. S. Gedney, of Rockland. Both are Republicans.

The test of obscenity under the terms of the bill is whether the matter in question has a tendency to deprave or corrupt those whose minds are open to immoral influence, and conviction can be had on part of the volume, magazine or newspaper under indictment.

It is hard to believe that this bill which has been turned down each year for so many years has any chance of passing, as it seems the present statutes are adequate for all excesses that really deserve condemnation at the bar of public opinion. When the prosecution is made too easy there is every incentive to the nervous ones to reach out and start prosecution of books of all kinds.

## And Now the "Talky"

THE appearance and the success of the talking film will bring up a new question of literary rights and probably add to the variety of possible income of the author.

In this century the writer has seen his markets grow from books, magazines and the stage to include second serial rights, motion picture rights, broadcasting rights, and the film rights which are now further extended by talking film rights. It would seem clear that nobody could make a talking film without having the silent film rights, but it seems equally clear that the owner of the silent film rights could not make talking films, without making a new contract with the owner of the copyright.

# Elliot Holt Starts Publishing



Elliot Holt

ELLIOT HOLT has started a new publishing house at 25 West 45th Street, a building well known for its publishing activities. Mr. Holt is, of course, the son of the late Henry Holt, and at the time of the recent reorganization of Henry Holt & Company was vice-president of the company and represented the Holt family interests.

He entered that firm after his return from the war and learned the art of publishing by serving in the different departments as salesman on the road, in the departments of advertising, publicity, production and for the last four years was in editorial charge of trade books. He also made five journeys to Europe for the firm.

He is now starting out for himself and has taken hold of a new idea which seems to come by natural evolution from the club method now in vogue. He will publish one book a month and concentrate the interest and effort of the concern on that book; he believes that in this way he can

push the sale vigorously. Effort will be made to have the designs of the volumes in keeping with their text and to use all resources to add to sales possibilities.

The first book selected for this plan of publishing, the February book, will be entitled "This Delicate Creature" by a new Irish writer, Con O'Leary. Of this manuscript, Thomas Burke, author of "Limehouse Nights," cabled: "I shall be surprised if this is not one of the most discussed novels of the year."

The March book will be called "Understanding Women" by Dr. Weith-Knudson, with introduction by Ernest Boyd.

Mr. Holt points to his selection and promotion of "Dusty Answer" and "Joseph and His Brethren" to justify his claim that he can gauge the present public taste in books and more particularly choose authors hitherto unknown. The publicity will be in charge of Nancy Hoyt.



Re-drawing of the Modern Library Trademark recently made by Rockwell Kent

# The Modern Library

A Popular Series of Reprints Appears in a New Flexible Cloth Binding

HE Modern Library is sending out its January editions to the trade in a new flexible binding of balloon For a long time the Modern Library has been attempting to secure a suitable cloth binding to replace the imitation leather one that has been for a decade a familiar sight on booksellers' shelves. A long series of experiments; they believe, is now ended with the introduction of the handsome binding which these popular books now possess. announcement of the new style of binding comes to mark a sort of birthday, or anniversary, for it was just ten years ago that the Modern Library published Oscar Wilde's "Dorian Gray," as the first title in a book series that would retail for 95 cents a copy. Since that time 150 titles have been added to the list, many changes in organization have taken place, typographic and other book making improvements have been made, and the price has remained the same.

For the past three years the business has been owned and run by Bennett Cerf and Donald Klopfer, and now occupies a floor of extremely modern offices at 20 East 57th Street, New York.

The Modern Library is no longer an experiment; it has become an institution in the book world. And it is interesting to know some of the facts concerning these ubiquitous books, which at one time or another have penetrated into nearly every American home and into the libraries of many readers in other countries.

In the first place, to keep its popularity, the *Modern Library* has had to live up to its title of "Modern," and the editors, in

their use of the word "Modern" have not necessarily meant "contemporary." Voltaire is certainly a modern of moderns, and so are Samuel Butler, François Villon, Rabelais and Dostoyevsky. There have been published 167 tides in all—17 of these have been dropped. It is the constant problem of the editors to keep this list upto-date. A new title is added to the Modern Library every month, and sometimes two new titles are added at once. Between now and August, 1929, there will be nine new titles added—bringing the list up to 159.

The titles chosen for publication in the Modern Library are by no means limited to the literature of one or two countries. A glimpse at the following table will show the wide scope of nationalities represented.

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English	53	Russian	10
American	35	Italian	4
French	29	Scandinavian	3
German and		Misc.	2
Austrian	13	Latin	1

Does the Modern Library owe its success to short stories, novels, biographies, philosophy or poetry? The following list will give an idea of the range of books included in the series.

Plays	II	Biographies	4
Novels	62	Poetry	12
Art	3	Miscellaneous	
Philosophy	13	(Essays, Science,	
Short Stories	. 22	etc.)	13

A novel, Hudson's "Green Mansions," was for a number of years the Modern Library's best seller. Although its popularity still continues, another book which appeared on the list last year has super-

seded it as the present best seller. This is "The Romance of Leonardo da Vinci," by Merekjowski, in a new translation by Bernard Guilbert Guerney. There are really about fifty Modern Library best sellers, books that can be relied upon to top the list for month after month, and in addition to the two titles previously mentioned, the 8 listed below are representative of these most popular titles:

"The Return of the Native." By Hardy
"The Way of All Flesh." By Samuel
Butler

"Benvenuto Cellini."

"The Emperor Jones and The Straw." By Eugene O'Neill "Nana." By Emile Zola

"Candide." By Voltaire

"Modern American Poetry."
"Sons and Lovers." By D. H. Lawrence

It will be observed that these titles are confined to no one special type of book, but include novels, poetry, biography and drama, from various nations.

The format of the books has changed considerably since the first title was published. The Modern Library still holds to its pocket edition size, and constant experiments are being made toward typographical and general improvements. The new balloon cloth will greatly improve the appearance of the series.

# Improving the Borzoi Pocket Books



THE vogue of the dollar book has grown steadily in the last twelve months. Now Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., is revising its Borzoi Pocket Books, which, by slow growth, make a list of sixty titles. New volumes are to be added to the series and the series is to be given an entirely new dress with a Dwig-

gins cover, a natural finish book cloth of rather unusual quality and a new jacket design. R. K. Wood is in special charge of this part of the business and will shortly go on the road to start the possibilities of the Borzoi Pocket Books in leading cities. A special display rack is being prepared. A glance at the list of books in the series is especially interesting for its international character, there being over thirteen different literatures represented, including such titles from the Russian as Andrevev's "The Little Angel," Lermontov's "A Hero of Our Time," such books from England as W. H. Hudson's "Green Mansions," or half a dozen detective stories by Fletcher. American literature is represented by such books as Willa Cather's "Youth and the

Bright Medusa," Hergesheimer's "Happy End," and also non-fiction such as Nathan's "The Popular Theatre" and Howe's "Ventures in Common Sense." Waley's "170 Chinese Poems," takes the list to the Orient. Scandinavian literature has three or four books of Hamsun and others.

To give new insipration to the series, W. A. Dwiggins has designed a simple standard cover with an ornament which repeats on the side and on the back and gives clean cut lettering for the shelf. The cloth adopted is a natural finish green, a type of cloth that is more and more coming in vogue and not unlike in finish, though different in color and texture, that which the Modern Library simultaneously decided upon for its popular series.



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Dwiggins' design as it appears on the back of the cover. The ornament used as the theme of the design appears in the next column.

#### Pocket Books

OFTEN book promotion thrives best on competition and the rivalry of publishers supplies booksellers with increasingly attractive editions that can be shown side

by side.

Something like this is now happening in the field of pocket classics. For many years in England pocket editions have been a great feature of bookselling and there have been scores of little editions. In this country we have always had the classic titles supplied in pocket form in such series as Nelson's New Century, Oxford Classics, Macmillan's Modern Readers' Series and Everyman's Library and more recent books have been found in the Modern Library whose popularity has grown with great rapidly and whose colorful jackets have been in shops of all kinds, but now the field expands rapidly.

Appleton has come into the field with the Dollar Library which already includes over fifty volumes of biography, literature and fiction and this series is now being offered in a blue leatherette binding. Dutton announces its own Dollar Library.

Doubleday has developed the Sun Dial Library, drawn from contemporary mate-Knopf has remodeled the Borzoi Classics and has over sixty titles with a wide variety of material, in a new type of Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith are promising a large group of varied material in the Travelers Library as described in the next column. Scribner's have improved the format of the Modern Student's Library which follows closely the needs of the college student and its many anthologies are particularly appreciated by the general reader. Their latest issues include the beginning of a French Series with "Le Père Goriot" as the first volume, followed by "French Romantic Prose" and three plays of Molière. To the same dollar series have been added a Philosophy Series, which now includes nine volumes with four more in sight.

Still another type of book comes from the Vanguard Press, which is to be newly presented at 75 c. a volume and Holt is giving new backing to the Home University Library with new binding and jackets, and of course, a long list of titles from which to select.

All of these books are so near of a size that they can be displayed on a counter of their own or in cases built for the purpose, and it seems likely taste is going to grow on what it feeds on, and the day of the pocket book is here.



## The Travelers' Library

NEW series of books for the readers' pocket will begin during the year-with the imprint of Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith, Inc.-The Travelers' Library, which that new firm has decided to produce in this country, a counterpart of the already successful series in England. The volumes, which have been considered by many as among the most admirably planned books for this size, were designed by Wrenn Howard, production manager of Jonathan Cape.

The books are of new format with a page having a dimension of 41/2 x 63/4. In working out the features of the book, chapter headings, etc., Mr. Howard has developed many little typographical ideas which give distinction to the books and yet make for

economy of space.

The selection of titles for this country must differ somewhat from the English series and all the manufacturing will be done here. It is expected, however, to use the same bright blue cover and to use as a symbol for the series, the aged traveler with his stick, carrying a vase which is a symbol of the Cape imprint.

Robert Ballou, production manager of the American house, expects that something like 25 titles will be ready by the middle of the year.

### Tariff Hearings Open

THE hearings on tariff schedules before the Committee of the House of Representatives reach the sections that have to do with paper on Wednesday and Thursday, February 13th and 14th. The National Association of Book Publishers will be represented by committee and by counsel; the American Booksellers Association by its executive secretary, Ellis W. Meyers. The booktrade believes that the present schedules are sound, and should not be changed.

#### Hall Book Case Undecided

THE case of Radclyffe Hall's book, "The Well of Loneliness," seized by John S. Sumner as obscene, came before City Magistrate Bushel's court on February 5th, having been postponed to that date from January 17th to permit the Magistrate to read the book.

Saying that the book and briefs required still more time to digest, the Magistrate postponed rendering a decision from February 5th to February 19th.

### Training for Publishing

AT Leipzig there has been established a chair of Publishing and the Booktrade. Already the courses have proved a pronounced success and provision has been made for permanent endowment supported by the whole German publishing world.

An extension of the course will make it cover international publishing and book-selling, with special reference to the English and American markets.

"This new Chair," says the English Publishers' Circular, "is another example of the thoroughness of the Germans in Students begin the their undertakings. course with such subjects as paper making, paper trade, printing, book binding, illustrating and the art of reproduction. Then come subjects such as authors' rights, specialized markets for various descriptions of books, classification, indexing, librarians' duties, periodicals, and lesser subjects such as text-books, children's books, ancient manuscripts; specialty books such as scientific, legal, religious, technical, sport and all sorts of art productions from post cards to etchings." Included also is an introduction to bookselling.

The courses are not confined to students

of the University, but can be attended by publishers and their staffs, librarians, illustrators and booklovers on such subjects as may interest them.

Enrolled students after two years are entitled to present a thesis and receive the degree of Doctor of Publishing.

A new course in the school is entitled Method for Publishing Houses Abroad, with special references to the English and American markets.

Professor Mentz holds the chair of Publishing and Book Trade at present, assisted by seven other professors and lecturers. The number of students that have so far enrolled for the courses has been 113, including 16 women.

### Prosecution of Sex Pamphlet Author

CLERGYMEN representing the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths have been occupying the bench with Judge Moscowitz in the Brooklyn Federal Court in the case of Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett, who is accused of sending obscene literature through the mail.

Mrs. Dennett in 1918 wrote an article entitled "The Sex Side of Life" for publication in the Medical Review of Reviews. Because of the high praise the article received as an explanation for children of sex life, Mrs. Dennett reprinted the article in pamphlet form. It received high praise from many prominent thinkers, and the approval of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and many universities and physicians. H. L. Mencken was strong in his praise of the intelligence of the pamphlet. Dennett has since sold several printings of "The Sex Side of Life," but not until December of last year did the Federal Grand Jury indict her on the charge upon which she is now being tried.

When the case came up for trial on January 21st, arguments were heard from the prosecution and from Morris L. Ernst, Mrs. Dennett's attorney. Judge Moscowitz allowed the attorneys until February 4th to file briefs and written expert testimony, rather than permit vocal testimony from the witness chair.

Morris L. Ernst, Mrs. Dennett's attorney, with William Seagle, wrote "To the Pure, a Study of Obscenity and the Censor," published by the Viking Press.

# The East and the West

OR the first time in the history of the Association, the booksellers of both halves of the country will have the opportunity to give full voice to their ideas at the Association convention. There has, of course, always been a small representation of Westerners at the annual gatherings but, because of the fact that the country is so wide, the Westerners have never really had an opportunity to run out a large force of delegates. In order to offset this physical disadvantage, there will, starting this year, be a convention of the Western Division of the American Booksellers' Association, preceding the usual annual meeting in May.

The first west coast gathering will be held at the Hotel Sir Francis Drake, San Francisco, from April 15th to 18th. At that meeting, there will be elected a chief executive officer for the Western Division who, it is expected, shall be the first Vice-President of the American Booksellers' Association. The Board of Trade is, at present, working out an amendment of our by-laws to make this possible. There will also be elected a branch Board of Trade consisting of nine members which body will work closely with the fifteen members of the Board in the East.

In this way, the Association's office will receive instructions from the Western members of the Association as well as from the Eastern booksellers so that those on the other side of the Mississippi will be in a position to have such special matters as may be different from the Eastern problems taken up by the Executive Office.

The Western convention is under the direction of Paul Elder, General Convention Chairman. The Advisory Committee and Chairmen of the other committees are:

David Newberry,

Program
P. R. Morrison,

Transport
C. F. Benoit,

Reception
Robert Rea,

Public Library

Wallace Button Charles R. Hixson Leslie I. Hood Miss Fjeril Hess Sam Levinson M. F. McClain Gertrude Andruss R. Dundas C. S. Downes,

College Book

Howard M. Boys,

Publicity

A. M. Robertson,

Printing

Eugene Sommer,

Book Fair

Mrs. D. C. Sage,

Cir. Library

James E. Habersham,

Group Conferences

John Hewitt
Doratha Wilckin
W. E. Kinniken
O. B. Stade
Roger Boutell
Robert Edgerton
Robert D. Collyer
Charles N. Price
R. M. MacDonald
Norman Cunnigham
George Dwyer
John Howell,
Entertainment

The Entertainment Committee has invited the following authors to attend:

Gertrude Atherton Chief Standing Bear Earl Biggers John McLaren Esther Darling Charles Caldwell Dobie Rupert Hughes B. H. Lehman Ruth Comfort Mitchel Walter H. Nichols Fred O'Brien David Starr Jordan Sen. James D. Phelan

Hugh Wiley Sam Blythe Lewis Browne Don Blanding George Creal Sarah Bard Field Bill Hart Harold Lamb Peter B. Kyne Charmien London Kathleen Norris Freemont Older Ednah Aiken Colonel Erskine Scott Wood Harry Leon Wilson

The program for the Boston meeting, Hotel Statler, Boston, May 13th to 16th, is in the hands of Richard Fuller and will be announced within a short time.

## San Francisco's New Book Room

SAN FRANCISCO with its varied and interesting bookstores, which will, at the coming convention, be inspected by many new visitors from the trade, has one new attractive feature added to it in the last year—the new rare book room of Gelber-Lilienthal, Inc., 336 Sutter Street.

This room is in the rear of their present store, is very noble in its proportions, being 22 x 60 and sixteen feet high. A very unusual touch is given by the Norman fireplace, whose flu tapers gradually to the ceiling, while from its heart can be dif-

fused both warmth and color.

In the northerly end of the main room, opposite the entrance, there is approximately fifty feet of wall space for the exhibition of etchings, paintings, etc. The floor is covered with rugs and the book shelves are in harmony with the color of the floor. These cases have pull out shelves which can be used when books are taken out for examination. In the middle of the room is a long refectory table and comfortable chairs, and selected items scattered over it.

There is a stairway at the left entrance that goes up to the second floor, where another room of the same size is practically flooded by sunlight, being at the top of the building and provided with skylights. Beneath the stairway has been set a vault where the rare books can be kept safely,

but still be easy of access.

### Kansans Meet in February

N February 18th and 19th the Kansas Book Dealers' Association meets at the Hotel Kansan, Topeka, for its 1929 convention. This active group has been for eleven years under the energetic presidency of Phil M. Anderson, of Newton. Committee in charge of the convention consists of Ralph Moore, John A. Crowe, T. L. Pattison, H. H. Bair and Colonel Charles L. Mitchell, all of Topeka. The entire top floor of the hotel with its roof garden is reserved for the convention headquarters and display room. The manufacturers and publishers will have their displays along the outside of the room and the center of the room will be used for the sessions. There is no charge this year for space. The banquet is on Monday evening, the 18th. The speakers will be authors and others interested in the book and stationery trade.

# In the Bookmarket

VER twenty years ago Century published Alice Hegan Rice's "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Since then it has been dramatized and filmed, and translated into seven languages. In spite of its age it continues to sell more copies in a year than does the average novel. Now Mrs. Rice is to have another book, "The Buffer," which Century will publish in March. "The whispering baritones have it that Francis Brett Young will be published hereafter by Harper instead of Knopf. ""

Gertrude Atherton's novel of the Golden Age of Greece, "The Jealous Gods," Liveright, has been selected as a reference book in Professor Rose's course in sociology at Dartmouth. "Whither Mankind," edited by Charles A. Beard and published by Longmans, Green, has been adopted for class use in several colleges. "Du Bose Heyward, author of "Mamba's Daughters," Doubleday, Doran, has sailed with his wife on a Mediterranean cruise. They will be in London in April in time for the production of "Porgy." "It is probable that "Zep-

pelin," the melodrama on which Lowell Brentano collaborated, will soon be issued in book form, either as a play or a novel by Brentano's.

Paul Morand, author of "The Living Buddha," Holt, "East India and Company," A. & C. Boni, and other volumes, is in this country. He is not teaing and lecturing, but is working in a New Jersey factory gathering material for a book about America's middle class. & W. B. Seabrook, author of "The Magic Island," Harcourt, Brace, and Richard Simon have both departed for Florida and Burton Rascoe is in California. & Thornton Wilder is due in this country any day for an extended lecture tour. He has been traveling in Europe. He will bring with him the manuscript of his new novel, "The Woman of Andros" which A. & C. Boni will publish in the early fall.

The Pathé News Reel, experimenting recently with talking news pictures, chose President Hoover, William J. Locke and Nathalia Crane, authors all, as the subject of their test. Nathalia read from her new book of poems, "Venus Invisible" which

Coward-McCann published. A Ambrose Bierce comes to the fore again, as he does about once a year. Following an article about him in the current American Mercury the Century Company announces that it will publish an intimate portrait of

him in March by Alphonse de Castro, De Castro was one of his close associates, and is the "Dr. A. Danziger" who collaborated on "The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter." The book will be called "Portrait of Ambrose Bierce."

\*\* \*\* The Pynson Printers in New

York are showing an exhibition of the work of Joseph Pennell in their rooms, 229 West 43rd Street.

William Corrigan presents the Crime Club

check to George W. Jacobs

A new play from the hand of George Bernard Shaw is to be produced in England in August by the Birmingham Repertory Company. The play is entitled "The Apple Cart," and Mr. Shaw has described it as "an ultra-modern political play, as unlike 'St. Joan' as anything can be."

V. Sackville-West has been put forward by many as the author about whom Virginia Woolf built her story of "Orlando" and Raymond Mortimer in the current Bookman proves their speculation correct. Not only are the photographs of Miss Sackville-West but the quotation from Orlando's poem in the book is from her poem, "The Land." & & Radclyffe Hall, author of "The Well of Loneliness," Covici, Friede, has sold, for \$5,000, the portrait of Mrs. George Batten by John Singer Sargent to the Glasgow Art Gallery. She is giving the money to the miners' relief fund and since the government has promised to give pound for pound, the miners will benefit to the extent of about \$9,700. The picture was bequeathed to Miss Hall by Mrs. Batten. 3 3 A. & C. Boni have taken over Proust's "Swann's Way" from Holt. This puts on the Boni list all of Proust which has been translated into English, the other books being "Guermantes Way," "Within a Budding Grove" and "Cities of the Plain." & & George Arliss's memoirs, "Up from Bloomsbury,"

Little, Brown, are being brailled for the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress. Two novels with the title "First Love," have been issued within a month. The first to appear was E. M. Delafield's which Harper published. This

week Charles Morgan's story of an artist's first youthful romance is appearing with the Knopf imprint. Mr. Morgan's last book, "My Name Is Legion," was published in 1925.

Mary Webb's last novel, "Armour Wherein He Trusted," which

was announced shortly after her death, will be published in the spring by Dutton. New editions of "Precious Bane," "Seven for a Secret," "The House in Dormer Forest," "Gone to Earth," "The Golden Arrow" and her "Poems," with laudatory introductions, will be also forthcoming in the spring.

The Crime Club celebrated its first birthday by giving a luncheon party in the directors' room of Doubleday, Doran and Company at Garden City.

The guests of honor were George W. Jacobs and Howard M. Jacobs of George W. Jacobs and Company, Philadelphia.

It was announced at the luncheon that George W. Jacobs and Company had won the Crime Club's Thousand Dollar Award offered to the bookstore securing the greatest number of Crime Club members up to January 1, 1929 with 237 subscriptions. A specially decorated check for \$1,000 was presented to Mr. Jacobs, Senior.

As originally announced, bonus awards will be credited on April 1, 1929, to those contestants for the \$1,000 award who during the period of the contest secured 25 subscriptions (\$10.00), 50 subscriptions (\$25.00), and 100, (\$50.00).

The books of the Stanford University Press will hereafter be published in Great Britain exclusively by the Oxford University Press. St. Edwin Arlington Robinson's new narrative poem, to be published this spring by Macmillan, is titled "Cavender's House."

## Obituary Notes

#### WALTER H. BAKER

WALTER H. BAKER, Boston publisher, died on January 26th at his home in Roxbury, Mass. He was born in Boston on July 16, 1851. After completing his education in the schools of Boston he was associated with Lee & Shepard, after he started his own known as Walter H. Baker Co., Publishers. Headquarters were opened in Winter Street, after which the company moved into Hamilton Place and then back again into its present quarters at 41 Winter Street. For the past eight years, Theodore Johnson, younger partner, has been carrying on the business.

#### CEDRIC CHIVERS

CEDRIC CHIVERS, founder of the famous Chivers Bookbinding Company, of Brooklyn, died in Bath, England, at the age of seventy-five, on January 30th. Mr. Chiver's is said to have visited more public libraries in the United States than any other man, and it was in response to requests from American librarians that he established his industry in this country, in addition to his already flourishing company in England. Five years ago Mr. Chivers sold his interest in the company. He was prominent in British local politics and was six times mayor of his native city, Bath.

## CHARLES J. TAYLOR

CHARLES J. TAYLOR, illustrator, and for many years head of the painting and illustration department of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, died in Pittsburgh on January 19th. He was seventy-three years old. Charles Taylor illustrated numerous books a few years ago, including those of H. C. Bunner, and his cartoons appeared in many humorous publications in this country, and in *Punch* in England.

#### FRANK ALFRED GOLDER

FRANK ALFRED GOLDER, professor of history at Stanford University, internationally known authority on Russian affairs and author of a number of books on this subject, died in Palo Alto, California, on January 6th.

Professor Golder was born in Russia in 1877, and came to the United States when he was four years old. In 1903 he gradu-

ated from Harvard, and with the exception of a number of months spent in examining the Russian archives for the Carnegie Institute, had taught history in various American universitites until his death.

The books of which he was author include: "Russian Expansion on the Pacific," "Guide to the Materials for American History in Russian Archives," "Bering's Voyages," "John Paul Jones in Russia," and "On the Trail of the Russian Famine."

#### MRS. ANNA BOWMAN DODD

MRS. ANNA BOWMAN DODD, author and journalist, died at her home in Paris on January 29th. She was seventy-four years of age. Her writings included travel volumes on France, England and Turkey, and she was the author of "Talleyrand" and "Three Normandy Inns." In recognition of her activity during the World War she received from the French Government the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

## Record of American Book Production, January, 1929

	New Publica- tions		By Origin			
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Domestic Economy	5	-	5	_	-	9
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Fine Arts	20	4	10	1	13	24
Music	2	-	X		I	1
Games	12		8	-	4	12
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Poetry-Drama	60	15	46	10	19	136
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<sup>\*</sup> In January, 1928, 443 new books and 89 new editions were recorded, a total of 532.

## Changes in Price

HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY

The price of The Divine Fire, by May Sinclair will be reduced to \$2.00 from \$2.50, the new price to take effect February 9, 1929.

FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY

Canfield, What Shall We Do Now, increased to \$2.50.
Garstain. "The Owls' House," increased to \$2.50.
Jacobs, "Master of Craft" increased to \$2.50.
Brandeis. "Other People's Money," increased to \$2.00.
Noyes. "Sherwood," Acting Edition, increased to \$2.00.

"The Child's Hansel and Gretel," increased to \$2.50. O'Neill. "Kewpie Primer," increased to \$1.25.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS

Field Book of North American Mammals by H. E. Anthony. 625 pages. From \$3.50 to \$5.00.

Three Last Plays by Lady Gregory. \$2.00 to \$2.50.

ALFRED A. KNOPF, INC.

Granada by Allison Peers, to be published on April 5th, originally announced at \$3.00, will be \$2.00.

D. APPLETON & COMPANY

Round the Red Lamp by A. Conan Doyle, increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

COWARD-McCANN, INC.

"The Ballad of Yukon Jake" by Edward E. Paramore. \$1.00.

#### Communication

37 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. January 18, 1929.

Editor, Publishers' Weekly:

We wish to correct the impression given to the trade by Mr. Trefethen in his item concerning his new bookshop in this city, in the *Publishers' Weekly* of January 12th. Mr. Trefethen was employed by us as a clerk in our Basement Shop at 32 Brattle Street.

N. J. BARTLETT & Co., INC.

#### **Business Notes**

Bowling Green, Ohio—The Picture Frame and Gift Shop, 180 South Main Street, C. H. Young, has added a book section.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Argonaut Bookshop, at 142 Lawrence Street, is going out of business, but Mr. Gelston Howell, one of the partners, will continue to do business under his own name at 2118 Albamore Road.

CAMDEN, N. J.—The Library Shop, M. E. McDonald, has moved from Haddon Ave. and Federal Street to 17 Haddon Ave.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Diversey Book Shop has been opened at 559 Diversey Parkway by Marie C. Dostal. DENVER, Colo.—The Adair Book, Stamp and Coin Co., 1760 Champa Street, is in bankruptcy.

DETROIT, MICH.—The Wardell Book and Gift Shop which has been opened at 5412 Woodward Avenue is under the proprietorship of Miss L. C. McGee.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The Satyr Book Shop, formerly located at 1647 Hudson Avenue, has moved to 1622 North Vine Street in the heart of the theatrical and financial district of Hollywood.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—A. P. Swift is no longer connected with Swift's, Inc., 1021 Main Street. All mail should be addressed to the firm.

MACOMB, ILL.—The Dunsworth Book Store, Illinois Theater Block, has succeeded McClellan's Book Store. A. Lloyd Dunsworth is the manager.

MEADOWBROOK, PA.—The Three Ways Book Shop has recently been opened by Rosalie E. Romeyn.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Altman Bookstore, formerly the Altman Book Service at 45 West 45th Street, is now at 15 West 45th Street and is carrying a complete line of books.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Corner Book Shop was recently opened at 120 Fourth Avenue.

OAK PARK, ILL.—The Arcade Gift Shop, J. F. Stewart, at 819 South Oak Park Avenue, has added a book section.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Donald C. Corbin has succeeded Fred Mattison as manager of Strawbridge and Clothier's book department.

#### NOTICE

Subscriptions to Whitaker's Cumulative Book List for 1929 can be ordered through the office of the *Publishers' Weekly*.

This index to English publications is issued quarterly in cumulation and includes a bound volume at the end of the year. Price \$5 per annum.

Copies of the bound volume covering 1928 will be ready early in February. Price \$3.50.

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# Title Index to the "Weekly Record"

HIS list aims to be a complete and accurate record of American book publication. Pamphlets will be included only if of special value. Publishers should send copies of all books promptly for annotation and entry, and the receipt of advance copies insures record simultaneous with publication. The annotations are descriptive, not critical; intended to place not to judge the books. Pamphlet material and books of lesser trade interest are listed in smaller type.

The entry is transcribed from title page when the book is sent for record. Prices are added except when not supplied by publisher or obtain-able only on specific request, in which case word "apply" is used. When not specified the binding is "cloth."

Imprint date or best available date, preferably copyright date in brackets, is always stated, except when imprint date and copyright date agree and are of the current year, in which case only "c" is used. No ascertainable date is designated thus: [n.d.]

Sizes are indicated as follows: F (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q (4to: under 30 cm.): 0 (8vo: 25 cm.); D (12mo: 20 cm.); S (16mo: 17½ cm.); T (24mo: 15 cm.); sq., obl., nar., designate square, oblong, narrow.

Adams, Herbert

The Queen's Gate mystery. 315p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Adams, Thad

For keeps. 238p. D [c. '28] Greenville, S. C., \$1.75 W. Grady Southern A novel whose central figure is a southern pioneer and civic leader.

Anstey, V. The trade of the Indian Ocean. 267p. (4p. bibl.) maps. diagrs. O (Univ. geographical ser.) '29 N. Y., Longmans \$3

Ayres, Ruby Mildred [Mrs. Reginald William Pocock]

327p. D '29 c. '28 Garden Life steps in. City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran The story of a love triangle.

Babcock, Mrs. Bernie Smade Lincoln's Mary and the babies. 316p. (bibl.) D c. Phil., Lippincott A novel about Lincoln's home life.

Bain, Winifred E.

An analytical study of teaching in nursery school, kindergarten, and first grade. 136p. (4p. bibl.) O (Contribs. to educ. no. 332) '28 c. N. Y., Teachers College, Columbia Univ. \$1.50

Balzac, Honoré de

Le père Goriot; introd. by Horațio Smith. 356p. (bibl.) S (Modern student's lib.; French ser.) [c. '28] N. Y., Scribner \$1

Barry, Charles, pseud.

The witness at the window. 296p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c. Bartlett, W. P.

Happenings; a series of sketches of the great California out-of-doors; v. 1; 3rd ed. 229p. D [c. '29] Bost., Christopher Pub. House

Bell, Clive

Proust. 104p. D [c. '29] N. Y., Harcourt bds. \$1.50

About the author of "A la Recherche du Temps Perdu," his personality, his writing, and his attitude to life.

Bemis, Samuel Flagg, ed.

The American Secretaries of State and

their diplomacy; v. 9. 437p. (5op. bibl. notes) il. (pors.) O c. N. Y., Knopf buck. \$4 "John Sherman" by Louis M. Sears, "William R. Day" by Lester B. Shippee and Royal B. Way, "John Hay" by A. L. P. Dennis, "Elihu Root" and "Robert Bacon" by James Brown Scott, and "Philander C. Knox" by Herbert F. Wright.

Bennett, Arnold

Riceyman Steps. 386p. D (Novels of distinction) [c. '23] [N. Y.], Grosset \$1

Berkeley, Anthony, pseud. [Anthony Berkeley

The Layton Court mystery. 314p. D (Crime ub) '29 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday. Doran

Roger Sheringham decides that Victor Stanworth's suicide is really murder and accordingly proceeds to find the murderer.

Birmingham, G. A., pseud. [James Owen Hannay]

Spanish gold. 309p. S (Sun dial lib.) [n.d.] Garden City, N. Y., Garden City Pub. Co. \$1

Aldrich, Elizabeth

The planet Neptune. 6op. front. (por.) T '28 c. N. Y., Macoy Pub. & Masonic Supply Co \$1

Angle, Paul McClelland

One hundred years of law; an account of the law office which John T. Stuart founded in Springfield, Illinois, a century ago. 53p. il. O '28 c. Springfield, Ill., Brown, Hay & Stephens, 714 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.

Ashby, R. C. Livestock trucking by Illinois shipping associa-tions. 27p. il., map O (Experiment Sta. circ. 331)

[n. d.] [Urbana, Ill.] Univ. of Ill., College of Agri.

Bacon, Corinne, comp.

Standard catalog for public libraries; social sciences section; 2nd ed. rev.; 1st supplement. 300 of 28 N. Y., H. W. Wilson pap. 300.

Benedict, Jennie Carter
The road to Dream Acre
Ky., Standard Pr. Co. \$1.50; fab. \$2; pap. \$2

Bleek, D. F.
The Naron; a bushman tribe of the central Kalkhari. 76p. front. O '28 N. Y., Macmillan pap. 69

Bowen, Elizabeth

N. Y., The last September. 315p. D c. \$2.50 Dial Press

A story of Ireland during the Revolution in which a group of English and Irish people try to "carry on" on the crater's edge.

Bowen, Marjorie, pseud. [Mrs. Gabrielle Margaret Vere Campbell Long]

William, prince of Orange (afterwards king of England); being an account of his early life up to his twenty-fourth year. 365p. (bibl.) il. O ['28] N. Y., Dodd, Mead

The first of three proposed volumes containing the biography of William III takes the prince through the battle of Bonn, 1673, in the war with France.

Bower, B. M., pseud. [Mrs. Bertha Muzzy Sinclair-Cowan]

White wolves. 303p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Brinig, Myron Madonna without child. 352p. D c. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran bds. \$2.50

Mary Dunston, a spinster of forty who works as a stenographer in a large New York office, finds happiness through the small daughter of her "boss."

Brown, Buford Otis

Problems of newspaper publishing, with special reference to the country field, including weekly and daily newspapers. 389p. (bibl. footnotes) O c. N. Y., Harper

Dealing with questions of equipment, finance, advertising, circulation and other topics all outside the editorial field.

Brownson, Josephine Van Dyke

Living forever [textbook]. 300p. D '28 N. Y., Macmillan \$1.68

Butler, Ruth Lapham

Franklin, Postmaster General. 208p. O (Franklin monographs) '28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

Cajori, Florian

The chequered career of Ferdinand Rudolph Hassler, first superintendent of the United States Coast Survey; a chapter in the history of science in America. 245p. (bibl. footnotes) front. (por.) diagrs. D [c. '29] Bost., Christopher Pub. House \$2

Carey, Lewis J.

Franklin's economic views. 256p. O (Frankin monographs) '28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

Carpenter, Harry Allen, and Wood, George C.

Our environment, how we adapt ourselves to it. 458p. (3p. bibl.) il. (pt. col.) diagrs. D (Modern science ser. for junior high schools, bk. 2) [c. '28] Bost., Allyn & Bacon

Cartledge, Groves Howard

Introductory theoretical chemistry. 567p. (bibl. footnotes) diagrs. O [c. '20] Bost., Ginn

Castberg, Biarne

The way that wins; principles of pragmatic psychology and applied Christianity for everyday use. 212p. D [c. '28] Los Angeles, Divine Power Pub. Co., 2801 Belden Dr. \$3

Chesterton, Gilbert Keith
Generally speaking. 291p. D c. N. Y., Dodd, Mead Light essays on a wide range of subjects of contemporary interest.

Clarke, Donald Henderson

In the reign of Rothstein, 319p. Oc. N.Y., Vanguard Press A reporter tells the inside story of New York's underworld from 1909 to the recent Rothstein murder.

Clay, Robert Keating

By night. 352p. D (Popular copyrights) [c.'27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Cockayne, Dr. L.

The vegetation of New Zealand; 2nd ed. 548p. il. maps '29 N. Y., G. E. Stechert \$13

Cocking, Walter D.
Administrative procedures in curriculum making for public schools. 126p. (4p. bibl.) O (Contribs. to educ, no. 329) '28 c. N. Y., Teachers College, Columbia Univ.

Comfort, William Wistar, ed.

French romantic prose. 551p. (bibls.) S (Modern students' lib.; French ser.) [c. '28] N. Y., Scribner

Crofts, Freeman Wills
The Starvel Hollow tragedy; an Inspector
French case. 358p. D (Popular copyrights)
[c. '27] N. Y., Grosset
75 c.

Culver, Henry B.

The book of old ships. 332p. il. O 28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

Curwood, James Oliver

The black hunter; a novel of old Quebec. 400p. il. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '25, '26] N. Y., [Grosset]

Brothers of the Christian Schools

De La Salle series, graded speller; 3 v. various p.

D ['28] N. Y., La Salle Bureau 26 c. ea.

Cameron, James The Bureau of Biological Survey; its history, activities and organization. 349p. (11p. bibl.) O (Service monographs of the U. S. gov't, no. 54) c. Balt., Johns Hopkins Press buck. \$2

Clark, John Marshall
Dollars at work; an interpretation of forces at work in the economic world of today, showing their origin, their results, and their practical application to the serious needs of the thoughtful thrifty man.

479. D [c. '28] Norristown, Pa., Walton Press 25 c.

Conmy, Peter Thomas History of the entrance requirements of the liberal arts colleges of the University of California, 1860-1927. 87p. (bibl.) Q (Univ. of Cal. pub'ns in educ.; v. 2, no 4) '28 Berkeley, Cal., Univ. of Cal. Press

Consumers' League of New York

Behind the scenes in candy factories. diagrs. O '28 N. Y., Author 65p. il., pap, apply

Crosland, H. R.

The psychological methods of word-association and reaction-time as tests of deception. 104p. (4p. bibl.)

O (Psychology ser.; v. 1, no. 1) '29 Eugene, Ore.,
Univ. of Ore. Press pap. \$1

Curtis, Francis Day
A synthesis and evaluation of subject-matter topics in general science; foreword by Otis W. Caldwell.
83p. (bibl. footnotes) O [c. '29] Bost., Ginn \$1

#### Davis, Elmer Holmes

Strange woman. 293p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., [Grosset] 75 c.

#### Davis, Esther Eugenia

Smouldering dusk [verse]. 73p. D [c. '28] Bost., Badger

#### Deledda, Grazia

The mother; tr. by Mary G. Steegmann. 251p. D (Novels of distinction) [c. '23] [N. Y.], Grosset

#### Dell, Floyd

Souvenir; a novel. 285p. D c. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran \$2 The 19 year old son of a first marriage spends a summer with his father, who has married again.

The untold story; the life of Isadora Duncan, 1921-1927. 281p. il. O c. N. Y., Live-Completing the story of the great dancer's begun in her autobiography, "My Life."

#### Dewey, John

Impressions of Soviet Russia and the revolutionary world, Mexico-China-Turkey. 270p. il. D (New Republic dollar b'ks.) c. N. Y., pap. \$1 New Republic

#### Dickinson, Howard W.

Crying our wares. 325p. O [c. '29] N. Y., John Day About the business of advertising and its betterment.

#### Dissard, J.

Father Francis Tarin, S.J.; the life and work of a country missioner in modern Spain; tr. by Katharine Henvey. 134p. il. O '28 St. Louis, Mo., B. Herder \$1.35

#### Dumas, Alexandre

Le Vicomte de Bragelonne, ou, Dix ans plus tard; ed. by Theodore Ely Hamilton. 421p. il S [c.'29] N. Y., Holt \$1.12

#### Eagan, Alberta Stedman

The driven. 303p. D ['29] N. Y., Macaulay

Running away from her suspicious husband, Rachel Mclbourne faces even worse experiences than his jealous rages.

#### Eiselen, Malcolm R.

Franklin's political theories. 112p. 0 (Franklin monographs) '28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

#### Farnham, Mateel Howe [Mrs. D. T. Farnham

310p. D (Popular copyrights) Rebellion. [c.'27] N. Y., [Grosset] 75 C.

#### Faulkner, William

Sartoris. 38op. D [c. '29] N. Y., Harcourt A novel that is a portrayal of a southern family.

#### Ferguson, John Alexander

The man in the dark. 305p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '28] N. Y., Grosset 75c.

#### Fergusson, Harvey

Wolf song. 206p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., [Grosset]

#### Ficke, Arthur Davison

Mountain against mountain. 100p. D'20 c. 27-'29 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

Two long poems and groups of lyrics, some of which have appeared in periodicals.

#### Fifield, George Edward, D.D.

The law of spiritual transformation. bds. 75 c. D [c. '29] Bost., Badger

#### Fletcher, Joseph Smith

The Mortover Grange affair. 319p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75c. The ransom for London. 309p. D c. N. Y., Dial Press Scotland Yard foils a plot for the destruction of London by lethal gas.

#### Foerster, Norman, ed.

The reinterpretation of American literature. 286p. D '28 N. Y., Harcourt

#### Foster, Walter Eugene, and Arms, Samuel Dwight

First year Latin; rev. ed. 369p. il. (col. front.) maps D (Johnson's Latin ser.) [c. '28] Richmond, Va., Johnson Pub. Co.

#### Friese, John Frank

The cosmopolitan evening school, organization and administration. 404p. il. diagrs. D (Century vocational ser.) [c. 29] N. Y., Cen-

#### Gann, Thomas William Francis

in Central Discoveries and adventures America. 261p. il. O '29 N. Y., Scribner \$5
Traveling and camping in a country where relies
of the ancient Mayan civilization still exist.

#### Gardner, Percy

The principles of Christian art. 301p. (bibl. \$3.50 footnotes) O '28 N. Y., Scribner The psychology and history of art that has been inspired or influenced by Christianity.

#### Gilbert, Anthony

301p. D [c. '29] Death at Four Corners. N. Y., Dial Press A murdered man is found on a ledge of rock on a deserted part of the English coast.

#### Daily, Alphabell

The pot of gold; a reading. 25p. S (Denison's monologues and readings) [c. '28] Chic., T. S. Denison pap. 25 c.

Elliott, F. F., and others
Types of farming in North Dakota. 55p. (bibl. footnotes) diagrs. O (U. S. Dept. of Agri., technical bull. 102) '28 Wash., D. C., Gov't Pr. Off., Supt. of Doc. pap 15 c.

#### Evans, Mrs. Adelaide Bee

The children's friend; pictures and stories of the

189p. il. O [c. '28] Takoma Park, D. C. life of Jesus. 189p. Review & Herald

Fisher, Galen M., ed.

Religion in the colleges; gist of the Conference of Religion in Universities, Colleges, and Preparatory Schools, held at Princeton, N. J., February 17 to 19, 1928. 128p. (bibls.) O '28 N. Y., Association pap. \$1.90. Press

#### Fleming, Vivian Minor

Campaigns of the army of northern Virginia including the Jackson Valley campaign. 167p. D '# bds. apply

Gladstone, Viscount

After thirty years. 483p. (bibl. footnotes) il. O '28 [N. Y.], Macmillan \$7.50
The author's reminiscences of his father, the great British statesman.

Gluck, Sinclair

The man who never blundered. 304p. D'29 C. '28, '29 N. Y., Dodd, Mead \$2

One man leads the police department of New York a baffling chase as he commits one crime after another under their very noses.

Gollomb, Joseph

The portrait invisible. 310p. D copyrights) [c. '28] N. Y., Grosset 310p. D (Popular

Gregory, Jackson Sentinel of the desert. 316p. D '29 c. '28, '29 Y., Dodd, Mead Romance and adventure in the old southwest.

Grumbine, Harvey Carson
The chase. 56p. T (Friendly b'ks) [c. '28] N. Y., H. Vinal bds. \$1

Haggard, Sir Henry Rider

Allan and the ice-gods; a tale of beginnings. 316p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] [N. Y., Grosset]

Harrington, Mildred P., and others, comps. Our holidays in poetry. 494p. front. O '29 Y., H. W. Wilson \$2.25

Poems appropriate to 8 of our holidays, compiled by a committee of the Carnegie Library School Association.

Hay, Richard C.

Sales management fundamentals. 26op. (10p. bibl.) O c. N. Y., Harper "A practical summary of tested methods in sales administration."

Haycox, Ernest

Free grass. 274p. D '29 c. '28, '29 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran A story of early ranchers in Dakota.

Haynes, Renée

Neapolitan ice. 295p. D'29 N. Y., Dial Press A novel of youth with its principal character a girl at Oxford.

Hebert, F. C., and Hirsch, L., comps.
A new German-English dictionary for general use: Neues englisch-deutsches Wörter-"Containing an exhaustive vocabulary of the colloquial and literary English and German languages, as well as a great many scientific, technical and commercial terms and phrases."

Hegel, George Wilhelm Friedrich

Hegel selections; ed. by J. Loewenberg. 511p. (bibl.) S (Modern students' lib.; philosophy ser.) [c. '29] N. Y., Scribner \$1

History of Science Society

Sir Isaac Newton, 1727-1927; a bicentenary evaluation of his work. O '28 Balt., Williams & Wilkins

Hogarth, David George

The life of Charles M. Doughty. 224p. (bibl. footnotes) il. maps Q '29 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran \$5

The life of the explorer from childhood to the apex of his career, the publication of "Arabia Deserta."

Horler, Sydney

The house of secrets. 317p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c. Vivanti; a Paul Vivanti story. 313p. D (Popular copyrights) [n. d.] N. Y., Grosset

Huddleston, Sisley

Normandy; its charm, its curiosities, its antiquities, its history, its topography. 325p. il. map O '29 c. '28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran

Descriptions of Normandy by an English journalist who has lived there, and found it charming.

Huse, Howard Russell

Essentials of written and spoken French. 334p. il. D [c. '28] N. Y., Harcourt

Hutchinson, Vere

The dark freight. 288p. D c. N. Y., Liveright \$2.50
The sea is a continuous motif in the life of Janetha, who lives in an English fishing village; the sea brings her a lover, then takes him away again, leaving her to bear their son.

James, Edwin Oliver

The beginning of man. 252p. (bibls.) front. (diagr.) D '29 Garden City, N. Y., Doublereview of the modern theories of evolution and their adaptation to Christian ideals.

Jepson, Selwyn

The death gong. 317p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '27] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Judge, Jr., pseud. [Norman Anthony]
Here's how again! 63p. Tt [c.'29] N. Y., John Day More cocktail recipes.

Kaufmann, F. W., and Balduf, Emery W.

Inductive readings in German; bk. 3, Introduction to German political and cultural history. 245p. (bibl.) il. maps D (Univ. of Chic. junior college ser.: German) [c.'29] Chic., Univ. of Chic. Press

Goldzieher, Max A., M.D.

The adrenals; their physiology, pathology and diseases. 446p. (97p. bibl.) il., diagrs. O c. N. Y., Macmillan

Heilbrunn, L. V.

The colloid chemistry of protoplasm. 356p. diagrs.
(Protoplasm monographs; v. 1) '28 N. Y., Science
Distributing Co., Grand Central Terminal \$5.60

Hibbard, Addison

Recent poetry from the south; an outline for individual and group study. 35p. (2p. bibl.) O (Univ. of N. C. extension bull.; v. 8, no. 4) '28 c. Chapel Hill, N. C., Univ. of N. C. Press pap. 50 c.

Houlton, Charles

Cage-bird hybrids; 3rd ed. 144p. il. O '28 Phil., McKay

Jones, Howard Mumford

Contemporary southern literature; an outline for individual and group study. 56p. O (Univ. of N. C. extension bull.; v. 8, no. 3) '28 c. Chapel Hill, N. C., Univ. of N. C. Press pap. 50 c.

Kaser, Arthur Leroy
I'll tell the world; a radio monologue. 8p. S
(Denison's vaudeville sketches) [c. '28] Chic., T. S. Denison

#### Kearney, Lake Shore

The hodag, and other tales of the logging camps. 158p. D'28 c. [Milwaukee, Author, 1422 State St.]
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# Old and Rare Books

Frederick M. Hopkins

EVERAL newspapers have referred to Mr. Kern's collection as if it were largely the result of his advisers, giving him scant credit for it. How Mr. Kern collected his books, why he sold them, and what he thought of the high prices that they brought were discussed in an interview immediately following his sale. Mr. Kern's library was built up from a small beginning in less than twenty years. first items that he collected were signatures of composers cut from letters. These naturally developed into things of greater association interest—entire letters and volumes of sentimental value. His interest in book and manuscript collecting was aided and abetted, he said, by his collaborator in musical comedy, Harry B. Smith, who had assembled a library of fine association books. In the early days of his collecting Mr. Kern used to frequent bookshops in Fourth Avenue and Forty-second Street, now long since moved elsewhere, and when in London he used to haunt the same kind of shops in Charing Cross Road. The first volume he bought cost about \$40, and the last about \$40,000. Neither of these had he been willing to include in the sale and would not disclose their titles. Nor had he sold any of the many volumes presented The determination to sell came The decision was made in fifsuddenly. teen minutes. He felt that the library that he had gathered was beyond his mode of life, and had become a source of anxiety. His books were like friends, never in strong boxes, or under lock and key. His anxiety would have been greater if he had realized that the small Dickens drawings on one mantel were worth \$30,000. "I never thought much about money value when buying books," Mr. Kern said. "I set out to collect a library of distinguished volumes of association and sentimental interest. For

many of the volumes it was said that I had paid excessive prices, even ridiculously high prices. I was always willing to pay for what I wanted. Now it is said that the prices paid for these same volumes at the auction were high, but in a few years I believe that it will not seem so. In some cases when I was carried away by personal enthusiasm, I paid more for volumes than they realized at the sale. This was the case with some of the Swinburne, Rossetti, Thackeray and even Shakespeare volumes. Even dealers said that I had paid excessively high prices for some of my books, and I can recall times when ripples of laughter went round the auction rooms at prices that I paid that seemed too high. At the time I bought my books I had no idea of selling them." In discussing the attitude of foreign booksellers toward American collectors, he expressed the opinion that many dealers did not credit the American book collector with sufficient knowledge and fastidiousness. "I have returned more books," he said, "sent me on approval by foreign dealers than I have bought. The foreign dealer seemed more interested in titles of books, while the American dealer stresses the condition of preservation."

A TRUNKFUL of original papers constituting, in the mind of Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, the biggest discovery of Washingtoniana within his memory, has been found at Sealston, Virginia, and purchased by Henry Woodhouse, of New York. The announcement of the discovery and purchase was made on January twenty fourth.

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The two thousand or more papers contained in the trunk were the property of Betty Washington Lewis, sister of Washington, and ancestor of Mrs. Frank Taylor, in whose possession the papers were

found. Mr. Woodhouse, the purchaser, had gone to "Kenmore," the home of Betty Lewis, on the invitation of the Kenmore Association. While he was engaged in showing the officers of the association some of the Washingtoniana which he had previously collected, one of the persons in the group recalled that Mrs. Taylor had some similar papers. In a subsequent visit to Mrs. Taylor's the trunk was found, and Mr. Woodhouse returned in a few days accompanied by Professor Hart, a prominent historian and chairman of the commission to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of Washington's Birthday, to purchase the papers.

The trunk, a pigskin covered box with the date 1757 stamped on it, is crammed full of family papers, among them a number of old deeds showing the origin of old Colonial estates, family documents, and

letters.

In these days when books and autograph letters of strong association interest are in so much demand and collectors are willing to pay high prices for them, some autograph letters of Dr. Samuel Johnson to be sold at Sotheby's on February 13, will attract international attention. One of these letters Dr. Johnson wrote to his old sweetheart, Hester Lynch Thrale, five months before his death, and immediately after he had been informed by her that she had been married to the Italian musician, Gabriele Piozzi. The circumstances under which the letter was written are as follows: Dr. Johnson was then in his seventyfifth year. He had suffered from a serious illness in the spring of 1784, but had made a "wonderful recovery." On June 30, Mrs. Thrale wrote him from Bath announcing her marriage to Piozzi as "irrevocably settled and out of your power to prevent." This letter is to be placed on sale at the same time as the doctor's first and second reply. In the former Dr. Johnson wrote: "If I interpret your letter right, you are ignominously married; if it is yet undone let us once more talk together. If the last act is yet to do, I, who have loved you, esteemed you, reverenced you and served you, I, who long thought you the first of womankind, entreat that, before your fate is irrevocable, I may once more see you." The reply of Mrs. Piozzi, who

was Johnson's junior by thirty-two years, has not been preserved, but it is known that it brought tidings of her marriage. Thereupon Dr. Johnson, on July 8, 1784, penned the letter which is regarded to have foreshadowed the decline which ended in his Addressing her merely as "Dear Madam" he begins: "What you have done, however I may lament it, I have no pretence to resent, as it has not been injurious to me: I therefore breathe out one sigh more of tenderness, perhaps useless, but at least sincere." Next, he invokes God's blessing upon her, adding, "Whatever I can contribute to your happiness I am ready to repay for that kindness which soothed twenty years of a life radically wretched." Fearful of losing her forever, he then begs her to prevail upon Mr. Piozzi to settle in England, and not let some "phantom of imagination seduce you to Italy." Some of the most enthusiastic Johnson collectors are on this side of the Atlantic and they are likely to make their English friends pay good prices for these letters to keep them at home.

EARLY western history, literature and narratives from the library of the Right Reverend Nathaniel S. Thomas of Philadelphia were sold at the Anderson Galleries on January 30, 357 lots bringing

\$11,559.50.

A few of the rarer lots offered and the prices they realized were the following: J. L. Campbell's "Idaho," 8vo, New York, 1864, \$375; G. Q. Cannon's "Writings from the Western Standard," 8vo, Liverpool, 1864, privately printed, \$120; Alonzo Delano's "Life on the Plains and among the Diggings," 12mo, Auburn, 1854, \$70; a collection of novels by General Charles King, 48 vols., 12mo, cloth, 1890-1907, presentation copies to Richard B. Shepard, \$250; George Lathrop's "Memoirs of a Pioneer," 16mo, wrappers, Lusk, Wyoming, 1917, \$75; A. S. Mercer's "The Banditti of the Plains or the Cattlemen's Invasion of Wyoming in 1892," 8vo, calf, Chayenne, 1894, \$260; Joel Palmer's "Journal and Travels over the Rocky Mountains," etc., 8vo, wrappers, Cincinnati, 1847, \$300; and Thomas J. Dimsdale's "The Vigilantes of Montana, 12mo, cloth, which was published in Virginia City in 1866, \$170.

THE 83rd anniversary of the birth of Sidney Lanier occurred on February 3rd, at Macon, Georgia. A bust of the poet has been unveiled at the Washington Memorial Library, the work of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor. Another bust will soon be unveiled at San Antonio, where Lanier, whose earliest and life-long love was music, had one of his finest triumphs when trained German musicians shouted their applause at him for his flute-playing. His native town has also placed a boulder and tablet at Fletcher, North Carolina, where what may be called a Southern Hall of Fame is growing up. Johns Hopkins University, where he lectured, is raising a fund for a Sidney Lanier Professorship of American Literature. This activity to do honor to this Southern poet is reflected in a rapidly growing demand for his autographs and first editions which never were plentiful, and just now are hard to find and are

THE Jones Memorial Library at Amherst, Mass., recently dedicated, is fast becoming a museum of early American It was established by Samuel Minot Jones, who died in 1912, leaving a stipulation in his will that if his son should die without heir, his fortune, which amounted to \$690,000, should be used for the construction of a library at Amherst. The son died in the World War, and before the estate was settled the sum left had grown to nearly a million dollars. After some vicissitudes, the library has a new building finely equipped and a good beginning has been made in the collection of books. Special attention is being given to Americana and its funds are sufficient to make steady substantial additions according to careful plans that have been worked out by experts.

likely to become scarcer.

THE library of Mrs. Albert E. Solomon, of this city, including first editions of Hardy, Hearn, Kipling, Mark Twain, and other modern authors, together with publications of the Doves Press, the Grolier Club, and books designed by Bruce Rogers, will be sold on February 11, at the American Art Galleries. In addition to many books of special interest to collectors, there are many fine limited editions, some in full levant bindings. There are also many volumes relating to the history of New York.

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February is Literature Month in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Fine Arts Committee of the Chamber of Commerce grew out of a desire for cultural opportunities by some of the more progressive members of the community. This committee planned a garden month, a month for the plastic arts, a literature month, etc. Vera Chamberlain Lane, M.A., Chairman of Literature Month, has written an account of it for the Publishers' Weekly. This will be published in next week's issue.

week's number the first of his quarterly articles on London publishing news. Mr. Swinnerton is a distinguished publisher as well as a distinguished novelist and knows all the happenings in literary London.

Herschel Brickell, head of the trade department of Henry Holt and Company, has written an article on the best books to read before going to Spain. Spain

is included more and more frequently in European travel itineraries, and this year, because of the two exhibits, will be more popular than ever. Mr. Brickell is a very competent guide to the country.

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